

**Expedited Procedure Requested  
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Robert MARIANI ) Examiner: Ngoclan Thi Mai  
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Application No.: 10/828,789 ) Group Art Unit: 1793  
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Filed: April 21, 2004 ) Confirmation No.: 5079  
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Docket No.: 02104CIP (3600-419-01) )

For: A METHOD OF FORMING SINTERED VALVE METAL MATERIAL

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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September 24, 2008

Sir:

This Amendment After Final is in response to the final Office Action dated August 11, 2008, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before November 11, 2008.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.